

Partners in Policymaking holds ninth graduation

A ceremony for 20 parents and adults with disabilities who graduated from the ninth class of Partners in Policymaking was held on June 10 at the Columbia Plaza Hotel.

These graduates join 160 previous graduates to form a network of highly motivated parents and self-advocates who are committed to opening doors of opportunity for people with disabilities. Partners in Policymaking is a leadership training program that teaches adults with disabilities and parents of young children with disabilities how to be effective advocates for systems change.

The participants attend two-day training sessions for eight months where they learn about disability issues, state and federal legislative processes, inclusive education, and how to be an effective advocate with those who make policy and laws affecting

people with disabilities.

Graduates of the ninth class are: Danielle Barber, Terrie Bobo, Delilah Bonnert, Richard Cook, Sue Copeland, Kelly Crone, Mary Frost, Donna Graham, Kemberly Greene, Eddie Hobson, Jackie Jackson, Susan Kastner, Betsy Kerns, Jimmy Law, Susie Phillips, Patricia Salley, Robin Smith, Dawn Thomas, Barbara Walker, and James Wiswell.

Partners in Policymaking



Partners class of 2006

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